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### JESSE STEPHENSON: Early Settler

Article by Pliney E. Frost



JESSE and SABRINA (KNIGHT) STEPHENSON

His ancestors and descendants: Abstracted from records of Emily Gourley McNamara, Family Records of Alexander, Cemetery Records, History of Limington, Me. by Robert Taylor, Notes of Gertrude Strout Winter, Archives at St. Andrews, N.B., Family Records from Evelyn Flood Pottle, and Notes of William Hatfield.

Arthur Stephenson Howatt supplied the pictures of his greatgrand parents. He also wrote an interesting article on his grandfather, George Whitefield Stephenson which appeared in issue #37 of A-CHS.

I. John Stephenson was probably born in England on April 30, 1690. According to tradition he came to Mass. Bay in New England as a carpenter on the English warship "Lucitanus" where with one of his associates, he landed at Cohasset. It is said that he was pressed into this service, and therefore felt justified at leaving the ship at the opportunity. It appears from recent investigation by members of the family, that he was of respectable parents and received a good education. He was married at Boston (published in Hingham) June 29, 1717 to Rachel Tower, daughter of Richard and Abigail (Farrow) Tower. She was born in Hingham, Feb. 24, 1696-7. John died in 1772-3. His will dated Nov. 6, 1770 was proved May 7, 1773. They resided in the second precinct.

There were eleven children, all born in Hingham.

II. Jesse Stephenson (John I) was born Jan. 29, 1720-1. He married, Dec. 4, 1742, Content, daughter of James and Mary Cushing at Scituate. She was born on July 22, 1722. He died about 1776. He was a member of the Committee of Inspection in 1774. Probably built the house on the Gulf Stream at the public landing in Hingham.

There are nine children listed, all born at Hingham.

III. Elisha Stephenson (Jesse II, John I) was born Sept. 14, 1753. He married on Sept. 27, 1778 Lucy, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Ripley) Beal. She was born Aug. 4, 1757 and died Feb. 1791. He died Feb. 1796. He was a Revolution Soldier and resided in his father's house on the Gulf Stream.

There are five children listed, all born at Cohasset, Mass.

1. John.

2. Jesse, bapt. June 18, 1786.

3. Margaret (Peggy) Loring, bapt. June 18, 1786. Married Stearns about 1812. She taught school at Hingham, Mass. and was among the first school teachers in Wiscasset, Maine.

4. Rachel, bapt. June 18, 1786. died Nov. 1804 or 1806 at Hingham.

5. Elisha, born 1788. died and buried at Wiscasset, Maine.

IV. Jesse Stephenson (Elisha III, Jesse II, John I) was born on June 2, 1784 at Cohasset, Mass. He was at (Moose Island) Eastport, Maine by 1800, at Alexander before 1816 as he built the sawmill on Sixteenth Stream in that year. While in Eastport records would seem to indicate that he was a merchant. Also during the time he was at Eastport he was in receipt of a number of letters written by his sister Margaret.

EXCERPTS OF THREE OF THESE LETTERS ARE ON PAGE 7.

Jesse married Elizabeth Liley or Lilley on March 28, 1807 at Eastport. She was born on May 22, 1785 in or near St. Stephen N.B.. She died on Oct. 29, 1860 at Alexander. We do not know date or place of death for Jesse.

The children of Jesse and Elizabeth Stephenson of whom we have records:

1. Margaret Loring, 2. Caroline, 3. Elisha, 4. Elizabeth, 5. Lucia, 6. Hannah, 7. Jesse, 8. Rachel 9. Luke, 10 James Ripley, 11, Harriet

1. Margaret Loring (or Lavina) Stephanson married Samuel B. Lamb on January 3, 1830. She was born on Dec. 3, 1807 at or near Eastport and died on November 3, 1887 at Alexander. Samuel was born on June 8, 1808 at or near Windham, Me. He died on May 23, 1857 at Alexander. They lie buried in the Alexander Cemetery.

Lamb Children of whom we have record:

- A. Irene Ingalls, born June 3, 1830.
- B. Elisha William, born December 26, 1831.
- C. Margaret Lydia, born August 26, 1835.
- D. Hannah Eliza, born July 12, 1833; married Charles H. Card.
- E. Samuel Brackett, born March 3, 1837.
- F. Elizabeth Stephenson, born March 31, 1841, (twin).
- G. Sevey Edgerly, born March, 31, 1841, (twin)

2. Caroline C. Stephenson married Jedediah Dwelley on Feb. 16, 1834 at Crawford. Caroline was born on October 7, 1809 at Eastport, and died in November 1886 at Crawford. Jedediah, the son of Joseph and Hannah (Sevey) Dwelley, was born on March 18, 1800 at East Machias. He died on November 6, 1860 at Crawford. This was his second marriage.

Dwelley children of whom we have record:

- A. Benjamin F. born about 1834.;  
M. Mary A. Stevens, February 5, 1860.
- B. John Wallard, born ca 1836; died January 31, 1908/9.  
M. Alice Libby Berry.
- C. Elisha S., born about 1837.
- D. Susan Lydia, born about 1839;  
Marriage intentions published January 7, 1866 to Daniel S. Sevey.
- E. Gilbert, born about 1841.
- F. Elizabeth, born about 1843.
- G. Lucy R., born about 1845;  
M. Josiah F. Lydick, October 21, 1870.
- H. Jedediah R., born about 1847.

I. Frances C., born about 1849;

M. Wellington A. Davis, of East Machias, Maine, November 2, 1889.

J. Emma E., born Crawford, Me. 1843, died May 10, 1929. (see stone in old Crawford Cemetery)

M. Daniel A. Smith July 1, 1866. (1832-1925).

3. Elisa Stephenson was born at Eastport on July 5, 1811. His wife, Abigail Spencer Bonney was born on July 11, 1829 at Alexander. She was the daughter of William and Rhoda (Pike) Bonney and the grand daughter of Moses Bonney. Elisha and Abigail resided on Lot 88, at the site where Merle and Jean Knowles now reside on the Cooper Road.

Stephenson children of whom we have record:

A. Ella Amanda, born May 16, 1851; died May 25, 1859, age 8 years. Buried in Alexander, Me. Cemetery, grave marked.

B. Ida Annah, born January 12, 1853, died ???

M. James L. Frost, October 16, 1881.

C. Rhoda Amalia, born July 23, 1856, died 1889;

M. George G. B. Berry, October 8, 1877.

D. William E. listed in 1880 census as age 20.

4. Elizabeth, born Aug. 1, 1813 at or near Eastport. Married a Burna. Elizabeth Burna died February 17, 1857.

5. Lucia Stephenson was born at Eastport on May 31, 1816. She married Isaac Bickford Edgerly, the son of Richard and Abigail (Bickford) Edgerly. Isaac was born on May 15, 1794 at Berwick, Me. and died on January 10, 1884 at Princeton. This was his third marriage.

Edgerly children of whom we have record:

A. Lucin G., born 1841, married George Albert Smart.

B. Stillman, born 1843, married and moved away.

C. Emma Alfreda, born 1846;

M. George H. Brown, 1869 at Calais, Maine.

D. Winfield Scott, born 1848, died 1849.

E. Millicent, born 1851.

F. Ida Mae, born 1853.

G. Samuel Francis, born 1855.

H. Herbert Elisha, born 1858, died 1915.

M. Rosamond Beatrice Hatfield.

I. Ella Abigail, born 1863.

J. Albert.



6. Hannah Stephenson was born at Eastport on November 18, 1818 and died at Fitchburg, Mass. on June 6, 1914. She married Harlow H. Thompson who moved from Brunswick, Me. to Baileyville where he became a Justice of the Peace, Postmaster and Town Clerk. He died on May 7, 1875 at age 76.

Thompson children (all born at Baileyville) of whom we have record:

A. Frances, born 1846;

M. Alfred H. Moores, at Gardiner, Me. July 18, 1875.

B. Harlow H. Jr., born 1847, moved to California;

Married and died there. He was a Civil War Veteran.

C. Samuel, born 1848;

M. 1st. unknown, had a daughter Edith who married a Wall, she had one son Victor;

M. 2nd. Sarah Marcella Call, no children. Both died at Fitchburg, Mass. He was a Civil War Veteran.

D. Allen Lilley, born February 10, 1849, died November 4, 1928;

M. Alice A. Pineo.

E. Martha, born 1854;

M. Edward R. Starbird of Freeman, Me. November 11, 1882.

F. Richard Franklin, born 1856, moved to California before he was 21 years old.

G. Arthur, born 1860, was a police officer in Boston for some years;

M. Nellie Mayo, February 16, 1887 at Medford, Mass., no children;

Divorced, he lived with Samuel in Fitchburg and died there.

7. Jesse Stephenson Jr. was born on May 18, 1821 at Eastport. His wife, Sabrina Knight, daughter of Hiram and Jane Hester (Duke) Knight, was born at Calais on April 18, 1825. They were married by Abijah Kendell at Alexander on Dec. 10, 1845. They resided at the foot of Harwood (Pleasant) Lake in Alexander.

Stephenson children (probably all born in Alexander) of whom we have record:

A. George Whitefield, born January 24, 1847, died June 6, 1926;

M. Ada Minerva McNutt, May 28, 1875.

B. Elizabeth Jane, born June 12, 1848.

C. Sabrina Augusta, born February 12, 1850.

D. Jesse Franklin, born May 9, 1851, died April 1, 1852.

E. Mary Lorena, born April 7, 1853.

F. John Charles Fremont, born March 1, 1857, died 1940;  
M. Mary Louise Huff, divorced.

G. Jesse Franklin, born June 26, 1859.

H. Edger A.

I. Mary Lorena.

8. Rachel b May 2, 1823. The 1880 census lists her as age 57, single, and a housekeeper in John Sears household.

9. Luke Stephenson was born on Oct. 30, 1825 at Eastport or at Alexander. His wife, Elizebeth Hammond was born circa 1829 at Machiasport, the daughter of Peter M. and Betsey (Woodruff) Hammond. Luke and Elizabeth were married at Alexander by Wm. Spring, Esq. on June 29, 1850 (or June 13, 1850). On Sept. 24, 1892 Luke married Martha, widow of Levi Connick, in St. Stephen N.B. They resided in Alexander on Lot 106 at the site where Doris Wood Flood last lived on the Cooper Road.

Stephenson children (of Luke and Elizabeth) of whom we have record. First three born in Alexander, the rest in Milltown Me.

A. Annette Isabelle, born March 3, 1851.

B. Irena Lydia, born July 7, 1852.

C. Emma Elizabeth Ann, born April 23, 1854.

D. Benj. Franklin, born March 20, 1856, died Jan. 5, 1862.

E. Luke Wilton, born May 19, 1858, died July 29, 1859.

F. Julia Miranda, born Jan. 14, 1862.

G. Ruth Lilla, born Nov. 10, 1864.

H. Luke Wilton, born April 4, 1866, died Nov. 13, 1872.

I. Benj. Franklin, born July 27, 1868, died Sept. 23, 1870.

10. James Ripley Stephenson was born in Alexander on May 6, 1828. He married Mary Caroline Hatfield, daughter of Francis and Mary (Frazer) Hatfield. We have no record of children.

11. Harriet Lydia Stephenson was born on April 2, 1830 at either Eastport or Alexander. In November 1852, she married James Philbrook Hammond, brother of Elizabeth who married Luke. James was born circa 1829 at Machiasport.

Hammond children of whom we have record:

A. Walter Leslie, born November 10, 1853.

B. Irene Elizabeth, born October 6, 1855.

C. Rachel Pauline, born April 14, 1858.

LETTERS TO JESSE STEPHENSON FROM HIS SISTER MARGARET STEPHENSON

Margaret also used the name Peggy.

Letter dated Cohasset, May 27, 1800.

I was not a little rejoiced to hear Mr. Harden was willing to bound for you. I thought it a pretty evident proof of good behaviour in you. I hope you will continue to conduct so as that he will have no occasion to repent doing it.

You are not ignorant how much your future welfare depends on your present good behaviour; and trust you will act so as to be able to look back on a life well spent. I have been to Boston since I saw you and made a short visit. Elisha, poor child, complained terribly of the headache, and seemed quite low spirited. Rachel is very well and is now in Jerusalem on a visit. Joanna says you cracked her heart in a thousand pieces, saying good bye to her when you went away. I hope I shall not have the same effect on your's by subwriting myself your sincere and affectionate sister.

P.L. Stephenson.

Excerpt from a letter dated Hingham, May 9, 1803.

Yes believe me, my brother, when I tell you I feel so deeply interested in your welfare as I do in my own and should anything operate to your disadvantage, it would as deeply wound me. But this we must leave to that being who governs the universe, and who is acquainted with all our concerns. "Act well our past, there all honor lies!"

P.L. Stephenson.

And from a letter dated Wiscasset, March 6, 1810.

I am happy to hear of the health of your family and the birth of your little daughter, and I hope and believe you will not neglect to "Train up your children in the way they go!", sensible that great care and responsibility devolves upon when you are husband and father.

Margaret L. Stephenson.

## photographer needed

A-CHS collects, stores, and disseminates (through the newsletter) historical information about our area. Finding out about the past depends on what people in the past left for us.

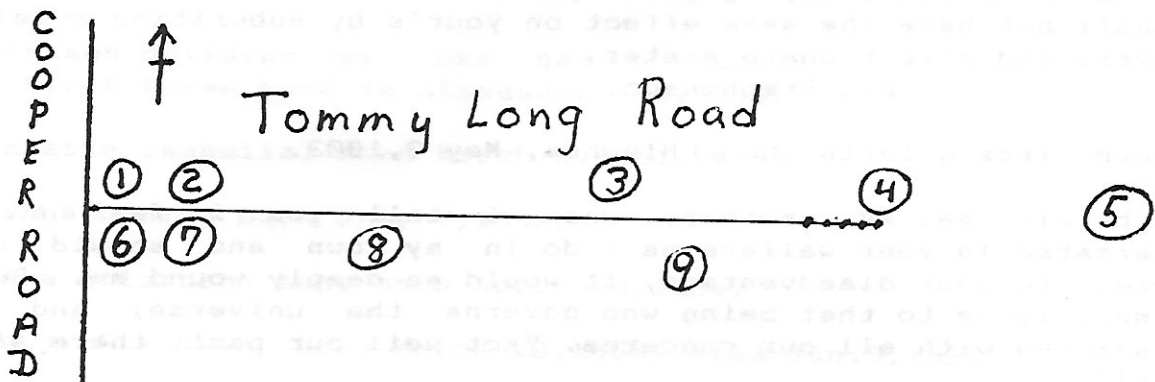
We would like to make a 1990 photographic record of the dwellings and other significant buildings in Alexander and Crawford. We feel that such a record would be a valuable tool for historians of 2040. If you are a photographer with a dark room, and have some spare time, please contact John Dudley (454-7476) at our Alexander address.

# TOMMY LONG ROAD

by John Dudley

TOMMY LONG HOUSE

site 4



## MEMBER SHARES GENEALOGY

Member Ruth Van Order sent several packets of family history for the genealogy fair. These are now in our files.

The descendants of Peter Andrew Jeffery [1813-1900] contains many photo-copied records, photographs, and notes on this family that at one time resided in Crawford.

The descendants of Richard Yeaton [ -1732] are listed in the second packet. Some of these descendants settled in the Steuben and Waite areas. The Dyer family is also covered in this packet.

The Dunsmoor - Dunamore - Densmore - Dinsmore packets contain much information on the descendants of Dr. John Dunsmoor [1720-1794]. Some of these people settled in the Princeton area.

Ruth also sent a bound set of pedigree charts, these are indexed which makes it quite easy to locate the over 300 listed direct ancestors. Thank you, Ruth, for the valued additions to our files.



The Tommy Long Road runs east from the Cooper Road. The 1861 map does not show the road but does show the homes of (4) I.P. Craft and (5) H. A. Craft as well as that of (6) W. Spring.

(1) The home of Margaret Wasson King and her brother George Wasson. Residents of this site were listed in the article in the Cooper Road printed in issue #61.

(2) Will Hunnewell lived in a house built here in the early 1950's. The house is gone.

(3) Kerry and Tammy Holmes moved a mobile home to this site in 1988.

(4) I. P. (Isaac) Craft resided here in 1861 followed by J. (Jefferson) Spearin in 1881. Isaiah Bailey was the next to live here. Sumner T. Varnum lived here for a short time. Long time resident Thomas F. Long called this home for about half a century before he died in 1983. Merle Knowles Jr. and his family recently moved into the house in 1989 after much restoration.

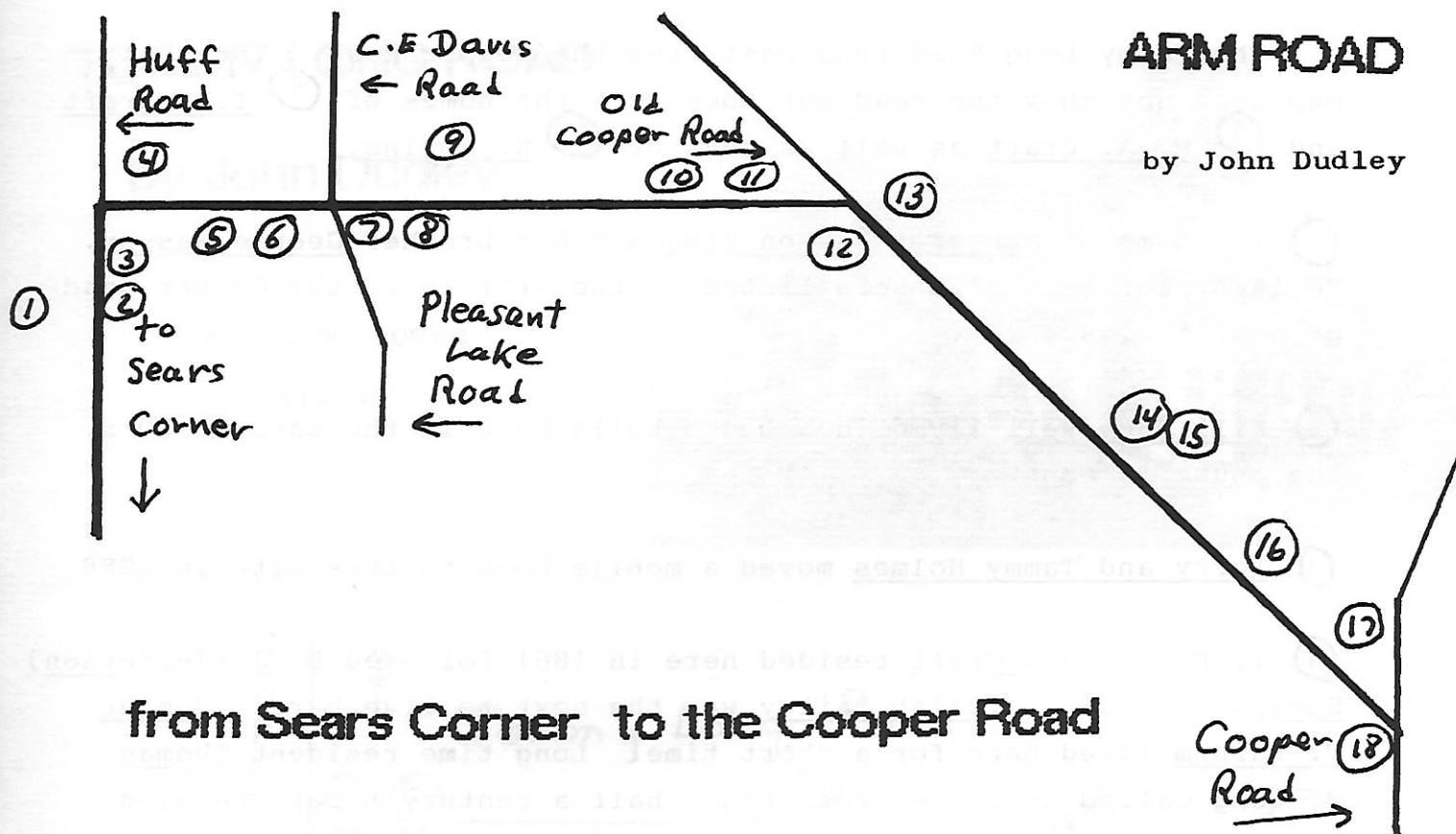
(5) There are two house sites (cellars) in this area. One was the home of H. (possibly Hiram) A. Craft in 1861.

(6) The site of the home of W. Spring in 1861 now is the home of Earl and Mary Landry. This is (22) on the Cooper Road in the article in issue #61.

(7) Russell Kinney moved a mobile home in here in 1972 and still lives here.

(8) Whitfield and Mary Jean Burgess lived in a trailer home at this site for a short time in the mid 1980's. The trailer is now vacant.

(9) Christopher "Kit" and Carol Pollock built their home here in 1976 and reside here with their two children. The site is called the Weymouth Place. Who knows the source of that name?



## from Sears Corner to the Cooper Road

From Sears Corner, the Arm Road runs north for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile; the southern  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile is unmaintained. There are no building sites on this  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile except at Sears Corner as discussed in issue 66. Near the Huff home, the road once continued north to and crossed Route Nine. This was referred to as the Huff Road. No building sites are on this road except for the Huff house (site 4 of this article) and the house where Rodney Frost resides near Rt. 9.

From the Huff house, the Arm Road continues east for another  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to the intersection of the Old Cooper Road. The north-south and east-west sections of the Arm Road follow lot lines. From the Old Cooper Road junction the Arm Road runs south easterly for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to where it meets the Cooper Road. This section of the Arm Road appears to have been part of the Old Cooper Road. This article does not list homes and camps on Pleasant Lake that are reached from the Arm Road.

① J. (Joseph) Godfrey lived here in 1881 followed in 1895 by his son and daughter, Loren Godfrey and Rachel Godfrey. True Varnum and family moved in around 1900 and lived here until 1912. Ray and Kate (Crompton) Bohanon were here next. Kate died in the late 1920s in the

blueberry field. Ray later married Pearl (Frost) Ferguson. Ray was the last resident here when he died c. 1970. The house now stands in disrepair.



GODFREY HOUSE  
site ①

- ② This site consists of a trailer and a garage used by Washington County Septic Tank Service which belongs to Mark Magoon.
- ③ This trailer has been the home of Urlic Magoon since around 1976.
- ④ The 1861 map lists the occupant of this house as Huff. Was this John Huff, father of 1881 occupant, C. M. (Claudus M.) Huff? Claudus, born in St. George, N.B., married (1) Ann Chase, and (2) Lydia Perkins. After 1895, this was the home of the Sumner Varnum family, and in 1912 it became home of the True Varnum family. Moses Marden Keen lived here, probably before Sumner Varnum. Fred Niles acquired the place around 1916 and lived there until around 1970 when Lyman and Rose (Niles) Williams moved in. Rose, daughter of Fred and Avis (Knowles) Niles, lives here with her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Vance Webber. The Huff Barn was by the maple on the south side of the road.
- ⑤ Urlic Magoon lived at this site for several years prior to the mid 1970<sup>s</sup> when it became the home of Lloyd and Elaine Ferrands.
- ⑥ In the early 1980<sup>s</sup> Carleton Davis moved this building here and added to it. It was the home of Ronald and Linda McArthur from 1983 to 1987. Since then it has been the home of Richard Frost.

HUFF HOUSE

site (4)



(7) This trailer home was moved to the corner of the Pleasant Lake Road in 1983 by Stephen and Cynthia Instasi. They lived here off and on and have rented it on occasion. Stephen is a brother to Pasquale "Pat" Instasi who had a place on the Lyons Road and lived at this site several years before returning to Massachusetts in early 1990.

(8) This trailer home was probably set up at this site in 1985. It is the home of Philip and Karen (McFarlane) Flood and family.

(9) Probably the first to reside at this site, sometime after 1861, were Hillman A. and Mary J. (McLagen) Belmore, grandparents of Mary J. Williams of Waite. Steve Spaulding was here in 1881, and he and Mary Olivia (Berry) Spaulding, his wife, lived here in 1895. Steve was killed around 1900 while wrestling with a friend.

The house was owned for a time in the early part of the century by Harvey Niles. During the 1930<sup>s</sup>, Grace (Bridges) Dixon and her father lived here. Herman Hanson lived in the house for a few years. Ralph B. Bigelow lived here a year or so followed in the early 1950<sup>s</sup> by Laurence and Ruth Niles.

James Townley and family lived here in the 1950<sup>s</sup>. Townley worked for Passamaquoddy Lumber in Princeton. He and his wife were active in town offices. He built the barn. The next occupants according to our records were John and Lyn Leighton who used this as a summer home around 1970. Thomas Lawless lived here from 1971 to 1974 when the place burned.

(10) In the early 1980<sup>s</sup>, David Goodine had a small camp here. It was moved over to Pleasant Lake. In the fall of 1989, a camper unit was moved onto the lot.



(11) Conrad and Sharon (Bouchard) Caron built this home in 1979 and have lived here since.

(12) In the late 1950<sup>s</sup>, Sam Gibbs tore down the barn (see site (13)) and built a house with the lumber. He resided here until 1964. The house was then rented briefly to Esther Carter of Eastport. Later, when the house was vacant, it burned. Mike and Brenda Hunnewell moved in a trailer home and lived here for a short time followed by Greg and Beverly Holst. Kenneth and Brenda (Frost) Berry lived here and then rented the trailer to Blaine McLaughlin. The next tenants were Cary Holmes, John Weeks, Jr. Penny Seavey, and finally Floyd Day. The Berry family moved back into their home around 1984.

(13) Floyd Hunnewell told me an interesting story relating to this place. Apparently, shortly after the arrival of Annaniah Bohanon in Alexander in 1811, Annaniah heard chopping to the south east of his home. (This Annaniah is the subject of Pliney Frost's articles in issues 62 and 63). Annaniah walked down through the woods and found a man felling trees with an axe. Annaniah asked the chopper's name and the stranger replied, "Annaniah Bohanon." Strange as it may seem, men with identical names had acquired lots that cornered onto each other. Research, to date, has not traced the ancestry of either of these men. Annaniah (the chopper) probably lived here briefly. He resided in Calais and Baileyville before and after his time in Alexander.

The 1861 map indicates this was the home of G. Lovering. In 1881 G. W. (George Washington) Bohanon (son of Annaniah, the chopper) lived here. Fred Bohanon, son of G. W. and Sarah A. (Rand) Bohanon lived at this site until his death around 1937. Harvey Niles lived here for a few years followed by either Don or Lyman Williams (brothers) or both. This house, a low posted cape is gone. On the opposite side of the road (site (12)) was the barn and also a garage.

In the early 1980<sup>s</sup>, Peter and Karen Sears built a modern solar heated house at this site which has been home to them and their family since 1983.

(14) Addison and Lucy (Bohanon) Knowles built this home sometime prior to 1895. Their daughter and son-in-law Avis and Fred Niles were the next to live there. Their son Carrol Niles presently resides in this home.

(15) Sharing the same yard with Carrol Niles is the home of Daniel and Mary (Williams) Cormier. Mary is a daughter of Lyman and Rose (Niles) Williams of site (4).

(16) J. P. Haywood lived at this site in 1861. By 1881 it was the home of H. A. (Hiram) Crafts followed in 1895 by his widow, Esther (Spearin) Crafts, her brother, John D. Spearin, and her son William Crafts and family. The Steve Strout family resided here during the first part of this century followed by Jasper Bailey who was living here around 1920. Shortly after that Harvey Niles lived here and had a store in the house. Lyman Williams was the last to live in the house for it burned around 1965.

Merle Knowles, Jr. moved a mobile home onto the site and made it his home until 1989 when he moved to the Tommy Long Road.

(17) The residents of this house are discussed in issue 61 of the A-CHS Newsletter. Cooper Road -north, site (6).

(18) The old Alexander School is site (1) on Cooper Road, south end. See issue #62.

Primary sources of information for this article were the 1895 Directory of Alexander by G. B. Moody, H. F. Walling's 1861 Wall Map, and G. N. Colby's 1881 Atlas (both of Washington County). People who helped with information were Orris Cousins, Zela Wallace Cousins, Carleton Davis, Pliney Frost, Ethel Knowles Hunnewell, Merle Knowles, Sr., Evelyn Flood Pottle, and Muriel Varnum Smith. Corrections and additions are most welcome.

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## MORE CIVIL WAR GRAVES

On September 2, 1990 Pliney Frost and I went to Smith Ridge (once known as South Charlotte) to copy information from the stones in that old cemetery. Thirteen year old Jeremy Brown took us through the woods to the cemetery. We copied the information from the six marked stones. There were a number of split field stones with no inscriptions. Two graves are of Civil War soldiers:

Hosea Smith and

S. (Samuel) L. Smith

# DAMON SET OFF

by John Dudley

"Chapter 407, An act to set off so much of a lot of land belonging to John K Damon, as lies in the town of Cooper, and annex the same to the town of Alexander." was approved by the Maine Senate and House of Representatives on February 22, 1838. This was the result of a petition by 37 inhabitants of Alexander dated September 28, 1837.

John K Damon's home was in Alexander on the Green Hill Road where Frances A Sullivan presently resides. The petition claims that Damon also had a small amount of land in Alexander, and that "many and great inconveniences" were caused by having part of his farm in Cooper.

The lot set off was fifty rods wide (North to South) and one mile long totaling 100 acres. It was then bounded on the south by lots of land occupied by Daniel Lane and Horatio N Greenlaw.

The set off does not appear on the 1861 wall map of Washington County or the 1881 Atlas.

In 1899, the selectmen of Cooper and Alexander met to perambulate the line between the towns. They determined that the line was in dispute. In April 1900, the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine appointed three commissioners "to determine the lines in dispute, describe them by courses and distance, and make, set and mention suitable monuments and marks for the permanent establishment of such lines." Those commissioners were Benjamin E Gardner, a Calais Lawyer, Samuel A Hayward, a Cooper Selectman, and Charles E Tyler, an Alexander Selectman. These men completed their task and reported back to the court in December of 1900. Their report indicates that the Damon set-off does exist and that the line between Alexander and Cooper is not streight.

Photocopies of the petition, the act, the commission appointment, and their report are in A-CHS files. Dyer Crosby supplied the latter two and much help which is greatly appreciated.

An article on the Lydick set-off from Alexander to Crawford was in issue #20 of the A-CHS newsletter,

## Inhabitants of Alexander who signed John K Damon's Petition

John K Damon  
John G Taylor  
John B Tyler  
George W Flood  
Paul Morse  
Job Chase  
Daniel or David Gooch  
James G Chase  
John Gooch  
Ebenezer Gooch  
Robert Kendall  
Daniel G Tyler  
Joel Gooch  
Abijah Crosby  
Asa Robbins  
Jesse Stephenson  
George Tyler  
Belcher Tyler  
Benjamin Buzzell

John Perkins  
Abadiash Blackwood  
Elias Lyon  
Cornelius Lyon  
Jeremiah Frost  
Greenwood Lyons  
Cornelis Lyons Jr.  
Alphephias Lyons  
Nathan Pease  
Sylvanus Fogg  
Hiram Berry  
Asa Libby  
John Gray  
Richard H Libby  
Peter Flood  
Giles Hutchins  
William Pearder ?  
Jeton Menies ?



# OLD COOPER ROAD by John Dudley

The Old Cooper Road runs southerly from Route 9 to the Arm Road. It is a town road that is not maintained and is about one mile long.

(A) The home of Ethel Hunnewell was discussed in A-CHS #50 as site (18) in the Airline (Black's Road - west section.)

(B) This house was last occupied by Hazen Strout. It was discussed in A-CHS #53 as site (15) on the Airline (Black's Road - Middle Section).

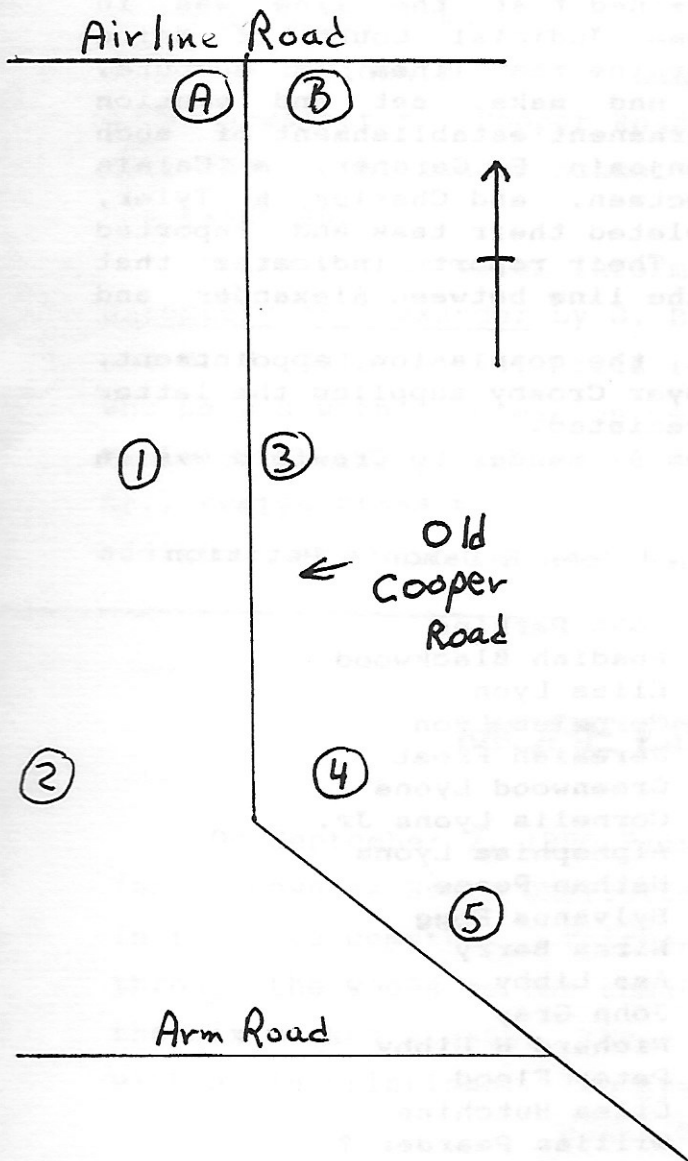
(1) In 1861 this was the residence of H. P. (Henry Payson) Whitney who was a son-in-law of Annaniah Bohanon (A-CHS #63). The house stood on a knoll in the middle of what is now a blueberry field. Southeast of the cellar is the gravestone of Elijah Brown and others (A-CHS #40).

(2) This cellar at the edge of the blueberry field marks what was most likely the home of Nathaniel and Mary (Frost) Bailey. He was the first owner, after Bingham, of lot 77. Nathaniel and Mary died in 1853 and 1854 and the site is not listed on either map.

(3) Percy Strout had a small house here in the 1940<sup>s</sup>.

(4) The 1861 map shows this to be the home of J. Perkins. In 1881 R. K. (Robert Kendall) Thistlewood Jr. was the occupant. Will Frost lived here awhile. Louis Frost told Pliney that Will had a hoop shed. Ray and Kate (Crompton) Bohanon lived here in a log cabin for a year, probably 1910-11. A cellar is all that exists of this habitation.

(5) C. (Charles) and Hannah Elizabeth (Lamb) Card (A-CHS #63) lived here in 1861. George W. Bohanon, Jr. a bachelor born in 1852, built a new home here,





Old Cooper Road, continued:

probably in the 1880<sup>s</sup>. John Spearin was taxed for the place around 1905 and may have lived here. Ellery and Mable Frost were the next residents followed by Fay and Bertha (Cheney) McArthur in the 1920<sup>s</sup>. The last to live in that house were Forrest and Edna (Seavey) Kinney. Around 1977, a home was built near the site of the other two. This has been the home of Nicholas Pasinoski.

Those who provided information for this article were Ethel Hunnewell, Merle Knowles, and Pliney Frost. Colby's 1881 Atlas and Walling's 1861 map, each of Washington County were used. Additions and corrections are appreciated.

## CARD FAMILY ADDENDUM

Children of Charles Hazen and Elizabeth Hannah (Lamb) Card. Children all born in Alexander and likely all born at site ⑤ on the Old Cooper Road. Eighteen children born to one couple, with four sets of twins, must be some kind of record. See issue #63 for more information on the Card family. Source : Jeff Card, RR 1 Box 357, East Eddington, Me.

1. Sarah Eliza	May 10, 1854	10. Charles Harold	1868
2. Mary Ellen	April 24, 1856	11. Anna Alta	1868
3. James Brackett	Feb. 1, 1858	12. Louis Lorren	1870
4. John William	Feb. 1, 1858	13. Mary Carrie	1872
5. Lucy Elizabeth	April 6, 1861	14. Jennie M.	1874
6. George William	Aug. 12, 1863	15. Thurston Colin	1875
7. Jesse Richard	Aug. 12, 1863	16. Thomas Austin	1875
8. Jesse Isaac	1865	17. Margaret A.	1877
9. Lincoln Jefferson	1866	18. Sadie Hannah	1878

## TREASURERS REPORT

In the 1989-90 year (April to April) the Scholarship Account received \$50 from members and \$412.57 from interest. We spent \$60.51 on historical books for Alexander Elementary School. (Note two additional books were purchased by a member and two excess books from our A-CHS library were given)

The other accounts received from members \$1883.50. Here is how it was used:

Printing newsletter	\$1175.60
Mailing newsletter	408.15
Correspondence	119.54
Programs	38.35
Misc. (folders etc.)	119.54
Carried to 1990-91	61.90

The costs last year were \$7.88 per member. We especially thank all of you who were supporting members.

## 1990 A-CHS PROGRAMS REPORT

As reported in issue 65, Parks Carle described the conflict between settler and land speculator at our April meeting. Liberty Men and Great Proprietors by Alan Taylor is a fine book that describes in detail this conflict in the area between the Kennebec and the Penobscot.

Our June meeting featured John Ahlin who described some of the events that happened at Machias at the beginning of the American Revolution. John is the author of Maine Rubicon.

In August, we had a genealogy fair at the Alexander School. People who had tables of material to share were: Bob Anderson, Tim and Sharon Cooper, Jane Dudley, Pliney Frost, George Haney, Darrell Keene, Melva Keen, and Roberta Wheaton.

Bill Hatfield entertained us in October with stories from his youth in Cooper and Alexander. He is putting these stories together in a book he has titled Tales From The Downeast Woods. We will let you know when the book is ready.

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Corrections for issue #66

p. 12 Annie was oldest child of Mary Jane and Perley Moraisey  
Olin died when a bag of hay fell on his head in the  
barn. They lived on the Arm Road in Crawford where  
Walter Moraisey now resides.

from  
Zela Cousins

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THANK YOU, GRACE OBER

for placing her copy of each newsletter in the St. Croix  
Library in Woodland.

THANK YOU, LENA FICKETT

for informing us that it was Winfield Fickett who was  
shot, not Willie as reported in the Robb Hill article  
in Issue 64.

THANK YOU, BEATRICE STEWART

for a photocopy of the Family Record page from William  
Crockett's Bible.

THANK YOU, FLETCHER AND CLARICE PERKINS

for the video From Stump to Ship.

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

August 8's genealogy fair was a smashing success. Roberta Wheaton guessed "who our most faithful charter member is"- question- Did you guess Jane Dudley? Well if you did, you were right! Jane has attended every meeting in these 10 years - quite a record isn't it?

Our supporting members list grows - we all thank you for your extra financial help.

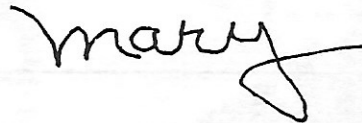
Kathleen Church  
Jo Ellen Gallant  
Audrey Ketner

Frances Swanson  
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The October 10th and final meeting of 1990 was very well attended. Bill Hatfield regaled us with lots of delightful stories of the Cooper-Crawford area. T'were fascinating tales of the Downeast Woods.

When next I write of "Membership Matters" we'll be looking forward to our spring meeting of 1991!

Have a good winter!



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## BENJAMIN W. PERKINS

COOPER — Benjamin W. Perkins, 83, died Aug. 3, 1990, at a Bangor hospital. He was born Nov. 14, 1906, at Cooper, the son of Maynard and Mabel (Flood) Perkins. He worked several years for the Woodland division of the St. Croix Paper Co., and retired as a self-employed carpenter. He attended the Meddybemps Christian Church and was a member of the Cathance Grange No. 510 and the Downeast Blueberry Corp. He was predeceased by one son-in-law, Norman Clark of Milltown; three brothers and four sisters. He is survived by his wife, Eula (Lowe) Perkins of Cooper; two daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Clark of Milltown and Mrs. Phillip (Barbara) McVicar of Alexander; one brother, Harold Perkins of Bucksport; two sisters, Marjorie Wright and Muriel Hogue, both of Calais; five grandsons, Theodore Clark of Topsham, Richard, Kenneth, and Benjamin Clark, all of Milltown, and Mark McVicar of Alexander; one granddaughter, Trudy McVicar of Manchester, N.H.; seven great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Thelma Perkins Hopkins of Edgington and Mrs. Dorothy Perkins of Meddybemps. Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Scott-Wilson Funeral Home, Calais, with the Rev. Dana Kadey officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Cooper. Friends may call at the funeral home 6-9 p.m. Monday. The family requests that those who wish may donate in his memory to the Ronald McDonald House (Our House of Maine Inc.), P.O. Box 1629, Bangor 04401, or the charity of their choice.

## BESSIE L. WHEATON

PRINCETON — Bessie L. Wheaton, 74, died Sept. 20, 1990, at Princeton. She was born in Alexander, Feb. 17, 1916, the daughter of Leigh and Mildred (Clark) Dwelley. She was a 50-year member of the Riverside Rebekah Lodge of Woodland; member of the Royal Chapter OES of Princeton; past president of the Princeton Women's Club, holding numerous offices in that association; and a member of the Hannah Weston DAR of Machias. She was the beloved wife of Robert Wheaton of Princeton. She is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Wilhelmina and Russell Noyes of Big Lake and Florida, Gwendolyn and William Johnson of Talmadge; three brothers, Arthur Dwelley of Princeton, Oliver Dwelley of Dexter and Edward Dwelley of Waite; one sister, Frances Lawler of Hampden; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren. Friends may call 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Scott-Wilson Funeral Home, Calais. Funeral services will be held 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with the Rev. Thomas LeQuin officiating. Burial will be in Waite-Talmadge Cemetery. Friends who wish may make donations in her memory to the Tumor Clinic, care of EMMC Charities, 489 State St., Bangor 04401.

DOWNEAST MILESTONES



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Tentative plans are being made for the 11th annual joint international meeting of historical interests. A-CHS will co-sponsor along with St. Croix Historical Society of Calais, Charlotte County Historical Society, and Sunrise Research Institute of Whitneyville. The programs would be held in Calais and St. Stephen in September 1991.

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